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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, OSA

SUBJECT: SAC Operations Order 1009

1. At your request SAC Operations Order 1009 has been re-examined and the following comments are pertinent.

2. It has been historically assumed that the IDEALIST program and inferentially, any follow-on or substitute program, would be national assets. For this reason it is anomalous that SAC should publish an order directing the deployment of equipment, aircraft, and personnel assigned to this project. (See paragraph x(5) on page 3 of the basic document.) For the same reason it seems more logical that the order directing the ultimate war-time use of IDEALIST assets should be published or at least originated by a more nearly national level such as the [ ] National Reconnaissance Office or the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Incidentally, there appears to be no supporting document which either allows or directs SAC to publish such an operations order. The precedent which was established in 1959 may on the other hand be sufficient to continue this procedure.

3. Paragraph x(5) on page 3 of the basic order is an all inclusive statement which could be construed to include OXCART assets. In fact, it is so all inclusive that any subsequent aircraft or equipment developed in the IDEALIST program and perhaps even in the OXCART program would automatically revert to SAC.

4. In paragraph x(3) on page 2 the possible transfer of TACKLE assets is inferred. At this time there are no agreed arrangements whereby an orderly transfer of aircraft, equipment and personnel could be transferred to SAC. For example, there would very likely be some political negotiation required to move out [ ]

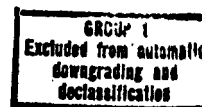
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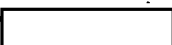
5. There are some minor points such as name changes to be made. For example, one of the project officers in SAC Headquarters, Major J. E. Brooks, is now a Lt. Colonel and has been transferred out of SAC Headquarters.

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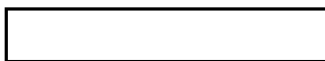
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